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1. About August 1946 the "Chairman" (Chinese "Chu-hsi" 主席) of the Ining (Kuldja) Group ("Government of Ili, Tarbagatai and Altai"), Ali-khan Tura (Alizhan Tura), was replaced by Hakim Beg, seventy-year-old hereditary prince of Ining, who did not want the position but wants peace and dislikes military strife. The people of Ili district forced Ali-khan to flee because they were dissatisfied with him. His present whereabouts are unknown although it is believed he went to Tarbagatai (Chuguchak district, approx. 82-58,46-45) or to Ch'enghua (Altai district, 88-07,47-52) with some of his followers, including Ali-khan Zakir-haji (Alizhan (Tera) Shakerhajieff). He may no longer be alive.

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2. Note: See [REDACTED] for previous report on the Ining leaders. Hakim Beg now has control of the Ining Group, which is still commanded by General Iskhak-jan (Isaak Jan), but his control does not include Tarbagatai or Ch'enghua. Hakim Beg's authority in the Ili district is similar to that of a district governor. After becoming the new "chairman", Hakim Beg was visited in Ining by the Sinkiang governor, CHANG Chih-chung (张治中).

3. The region around Yench'i (Kara Shahr, 42-04,86-19) is under the control of the Torgut Mongols, who are led by a very capable and energetic Torgut, Doptum Murin. He is acting as their leader for the hereditary prince who is now living in Lanzhou, Kansu. Doptum Murin's base is in the Greater Yulduz Valley, and he has about forty "sumbuls" under his control. Note: Source said that a "sumbul" is an "aimak" or league, but there are only four leagues of Torguts in Sinkiang. This "sumbul" is perhaps a banner called "Hosud" in Torgut Mongol. Doptum Murin is probably the head of the Torgut South League, which is the largest of the four leagues and has its grazing ground in the Yulduz Valley.) There is regular communication (kind not stated) between Ining and the Greater Yulduz Valley. Doptum Murin lives at Kara Sala (unlocated). Yench'i?

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